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LR81(4) - The docket sheet is attached hereto.

LR81(1) - All executed process in the case are attached hereto.

LR81(2) - All pleadings asserting causes of action are attached hereto.

LR81(3) - As of this date, there are no orders signed by the state judge.

LR81(6) - The following is a list of all counsel of record, including addresses, telephone numbers and parties represented:

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6/12/2024	NOTICE APPEARANCE			0	ENOCH, NICHOLAS JASON	MCCULLOUGH, PATRICK
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RESIDENT)	POSSESSION OF SERVING AGENCY	PETITION	SOLLI VAIN, JOHN	312312024	JEJIEVET	74327703	L-WITHE
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RESIDENT)	POSSESSION OF SERVING AGENCY	PETITION	TRUSTEES OF MASTERS MATES & PILOTS PENSION		JEJIEVET	74321707	E-WAIL
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CITATION(NON RESIDENT)	SERVICE ISSUED/IN POSSESSION OF SERVING AGENCY	AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION	MASTERS MATES AND PILOTS AFL/CIO DISTRICT	6/3/2024	6/5/2024	74331439	E-MAIL	
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PLAINTIFF: WALLS, WILLIAM M In The 333rd Judicial District Court vs. DEFENDANT: MARCUS, DONALD of Harris County, Texas 333RD DISTRICT COURT Houston, TX

CITATION (CERTIFIED)

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Harris

TO: MCCULLOUGH, PATRICK

700 MARITIME BLVD STE B LINTHICUM HEIGHTS MD 21090 Attached is a copy of PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

This instrument was filed on the 23rd day of May, 2024, in the above cited cause number and court. The instrument attached describes the claim against you.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED, You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the District Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org.

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This citation was issued on 23rd day of May, 2024, under my hand and seal of said Court.

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CASE NO.

WILLIAM M. WALLS

X IN THE DISTRICT COURT

VS.

DONALD MARCUS, PATRICK McCULLOUGH Х OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS EDWARD HANLEY, LARS TURNER, DAVID PUTTY, DANIEL DRISCOLL, BORIANA FARRAR, WILLIAM CAMERON, WAYNE FARTHING, EDWARD WASHBURN, DONALD JOSBERGER, JOHN DRAGONE, STEVEN WERSE, JOAN HERRINGTON, EDWARD MORGAN, TIMOTHY GILL, MARK BLANKESHIP, JOHN SULLIVAN, ROBERT STEPHENS, JEREMY HOPE, **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MASTERS** MATES & PILOTS PENSION, MASTERS MATES & PILOTS PENSION PLAN and INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTES, MATES AND PILOTS, AFL/CIO X **JUDICIAL** DISTRICT

#### PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

#### TO THE COURT:

William M. Walls, Plaintiff, files his Original Petition complaining of Donald Marcus, Patrick McCullough, Edward

Hanley, Lars Turner, David Putty, Daniel Driscoll, Boriana Farrar,
William Cameron, Wayne Farthing, Edward Washburn, Donald
Josberger, John Dragone, Steven Werse, Joan Herrington, Edward
Morgan, Timothy Gill, Mark Blankenship, John Sullivan, Robert
Stephens,

The Board of Trustees of Masters Mates & Pilots Plan, and the Masters Mates & Pilots Pension Plan, hereinafter, collectively, Defendants.

#### **PARTIES**

Plaintiff

 Plaintiff William M. Walls resides at 409 Robmore, Houston, TX 77076 and whose phone number is 281.772.8068 and whose email address is williammwalls@gmail.com and whose last four digits if his SSN is ....2354.

Defendants

- Defendant Masters Mates Pension Plan (hereinafter, the "Plan") is a multi-employer pension and benefit plan for retired members of the International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots, AFL/CIO.
- 3. Defendant Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Plan.

- 4. Defendant International Organization of Masters Mates &
  - Pilots AFL/CIO is a labor organization doing business in Texas.
- 5. Defendant Donald Marcus is the International President of International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots, AFL/CIO
  - and is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 6. Defendant Patrick McCullough is the Administrator of the
- 7. Defendant Edward Handley is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 8. Defendant Lars Turner is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 9. Defendant David Putty is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 10. Defendant Daniel Driscoll is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 11. Defendant Boriana Farrar is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 12. Defendant William Cameron is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 13. Defendant Wayne Farthing is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 14. Defendant Edward Washburn is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 15. Defendant Donald Josberger is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 16.Defendant John Dragone is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 17. Defendant Steven Werse is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 18. Defendant Joan Herrington is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 19. Defendant Edward Morgan is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 20 Defendant Timothy Gill is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 21. Defendant Mark Blankship is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 22. Defendant John Sullivan is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 23. Defendant Robert Stephens is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 24. Defendant Jeremy Hope is a Trustee of the Plan.

# JURISDICTION

Plan.

25. This Court has jurisdiction of this lawsuit under the Employees Retirement and Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) as amended, 29 USC 1132, sections 502(a)1)(B) and 502(s)(3) and Defendants are doing business in Texas as

defined in Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code Section 17.041, et seq.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

26. Plaintiff has a fully vested 10 year deferred pension of the International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots ("MM&P), a union representing, inter alia, seaman on oceangoing vessels. Plaintiff commenced receiving his pension from MM&P in 2009 at normal retirement age and receives \$372.44 monthly in retirement benefits from the Plan. On or about June, 2020, the Plan commenced suspending the monthly benefits. Plaintiff commenced corresponding with Defendant Patrick McCullough requesting that the Plan remit Plaintiff's monthly benefit. Over the course of the next year Plaintiff and Defendant McCullough corresponded with each other, resulting in more that 20 letters being sent from June , 2020 through June 2021. Defendant McCullough stated that the monthly benefits were suspended temporarily pursuant to M.M.&P. PENSION PLAN FOURTH RESTATED

### REGULATIONS ARTICLE VI APPLICATIONS, BENEFITS AND

RETIREMENT, Section 6.06(c) which states:

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary and in addition to the other requirements described herein, in order to ensure the proper payment of benefits hereinunder and thereby provide adequate protection to the Fund, the Trustees may require Pensioners and Beneficiaries to certify on a periodic basis, including annually, the receipt of benefit payments on such forms and in such manner as prescribed by the Trustees. If a Pensioner or Beneficiary fails to return the executed certification to the Plan Office within the time frame prescribed by the Trustees, the Plan Office may temporarily withhold the payment of benefits until such certification is received by the Plan Office. Upon receipt of such certification, the Plan Office will pay to the Pensioner or Beneficiary any benefit payments temporarily withheld.

# Section 6.09(b)-(d) states:

(b) After normal retirement age

If the Pensioner has attained Normal Retirement Age, his monthly benefit shall be suspended for any month in which he worked or was paid for at least 5 days in "Totally Disqualifying Employment." "Totally Disqualifying Employment" means employment of the type described in paragraph (s)(i) of this Section 6.09.

(c) No Suspension after Required Beginning Date

No benefits will be suspended pursuant to this Article after a Participant's Required Beginning Date, as defined in Section 6.07(c)(ii). (d) Definition of Suspension

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President of the I.O.M.M.&P. and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Plan, Marcus commenced corresponding with Plaintiff through the USPS, emails, and telephonic communications. Clerical assistants of the Plan also communicated via voice messaging to Plaintiff. Over the course of the year's-long correspondence with Defendant McCullough, Plaintiff made various requests for information from Defendant McCullough which were refused, or, to a materially substantial degree, were ignored. In response to Plaintiff's request for the names and contact information for the Plan's trustees, Defendant McCullough tardily tendered an incomplete or outdates list of the Plan's trustees. Plaintiff became aware of the erroneous information supplied by McCullough when Plaintiff started receiving correspondence forwarded to the Trustees identified by McCullough returned as "undeliverable". McCullough stated that he wanted a Zoom hearing with Plaintiff and that Plan counsel would be attending such Zoom hearing. Plaintiff requested the he be allowed to communicate with Defendant McCullough without the Plan's counsel being present during the Zoom hearing,

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has also stated that Plaintiff's pension payments would be abrogated commencing May, 2024.

# **Damages**

29.Plaintiff has suffered, or will sustain, direct damages as a result of the acts, omissions and/or performance of the above-named Defendants.

# Declaratory Relief

30.Plaintiff seeks this Court declare the rights, obligations and duties of the parties pursuant to the Plan and applicable

Federal Income Security Act (ERISA) as set out above.

Prayer Plaintiff prays that Defendants be cited to

appear and answer herein and that after final trail Plaintiff

have such relief as requested above and for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,
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#### CASE NO. 2024-32795

WILLIAM M. WALLS

X IN THE DISTRICT COURT

VS.

DONALD MARCUS, PATRICK McCULLOUGH Χ OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS EDWARD HANLEY, LARS TURNER, DAVID PUTTY, DANIEL DRISCOLL, BORIANA FARRAR, WILLIAM CAMERON, WAYNE FARTHING, EDWARD WASHBURN, DONALD JOSBERGER, JOHN DRAGONE, STEVEN WERSE, JOAN HERRINGTON, EDWARD MORGAN, TIMOTHY GILL, MARK BLANKESHIP, JOHN SULLIVAN, ROBERT STEPHENS, JEREMY HOPE, **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MASTERS** MATES & PILOTS PENSION, MASTERS MATES & PILOTS PENSION PLAN and INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MASTES, MATES AND PILOTS, AFL/CIO 133rd JUDICIAL X DISTRICT

#### PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION

#### TO THE COURT:

William M. Walls, Plaintiff, files his First Amended Petition complaining of Donald Marcus, Patrick McCullough, Edward

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The Board of Trustees of Masters Mates & Pilots Plan, and the Masters Mates & Pilots Pension Plan, hereinafter, collectively, Defendants.

#### **PARTIES**

**Plaintiff** 

Plaintiff William M. Walls resides at 409 Robmore, Houston,
 TX 77076 and whose phone number is 281.772.8068 and
 whose email address is <u>williammwalls@gmail.com</u> and
 whose last four digits if his SSN is ....2354.

Defendants

- Defendant Masters Mates Pension Plan (hereinafter, the "Plan") is a multi-employer pension and benefit plan for retired members of the International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots, AFL/CIO.
- 3. Defendant Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Plan.

- 4. Defendant International Organization of Masters Mates &
  - Pilots AFL/CIO is a labor organization doing business in Texas.
- 5. Defendant Donald Marcus is the International President of
  - International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots, AFL/CIO
  - and is a Trustee of the Plan.
- 6. Defendant Patrick McCullough is the Administrator of the Plan.
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# **JURISDICTION**

25. This Court has jurisdiction of this lawsuit under the Employees Retirement and Income Security Act of 1974

(ERISA) as amended, 29 USC 1132, sections 502(a)1)(B) and

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#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

26. Plaintiff has a fully vested 10 year deferred pension of the International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots ("MM&P), a union representing, inter alia, seaman on oceangoing vessels. Plaintiff commenced receiving his pension from MM&P in 2009 at normal retirement age and receives \$372.44 monthly in retirement benefits from the Plan. On or about June, 2020, the Plan commenced suspending the monthly benefits. Plaintiff commenced corresponding with Defendant Patrick McCullough requesting that the Plan remit Plaintiff's monthly benefit. Over the course of the next year Plaintiff and Defendant McCullough corresponded with each other, resulting in more that 20 letters being sent from June , 2020 through June 2021. Defendant McCullough stated that the monthly benefits were suspended temporarily pursuant to M.M.&P. PENSION PLAN FOURTH RESTATED

# REGULATIONS ARTICLE VI APPLICATIONS, BENEFITS AND

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# Section 6.09(b)-(d) states:

#### (b) After normal retirement age

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 Establishing reasonable rules concerning identification of Pensioners;

And for such other and further relief as the Court may find; Plaintiff prays for general relief.

Respectfully submitted,
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SERVICE CERTIFICATE. The undersigned certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was served on all parties pursuant to Rule 21a, TRCP.

/s/ William M. Walls

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Plaintiff,

v.

Cause No. 2024-32795

DONALD MARCUS, et al.,

Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Tex. R. Civ. P. 120 that attorneys Nicholas J. Enoch, Clara S. Bustamante, and Margot Veranes, all with the law firm of Lubin & Enoch, P.C., hereby enter their appearance on behalf of co-Defendants Donald Marcus, Patrick McCullough, Masters Mates & Pilots Pension Plan [sic], and International Organization of Masters Mates & Pilots, AFL/CIO [sic].

DATED this 12th day of June 2024.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true copy of the above Defendants' Notice has this day been served by e-mail (williammwall@gmail.com) and regular mail by depositing it in the mail prepaid and properly addressed to:

William M. Walls 2927 Broadway Houston, Texas 77017 Plaintiff pro se

/s/ Nicholas J. Enoch, Esq. 2024-6-12 (1260-002) Notice of Appearance wpd